

BREAKING THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:3

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- I. What Is Breaking the First Commandment? (Exo 20:3; Gen 3:5; Rom 1:18, 22-25)

- II. What Are the Idols of Your Heart?
 - A. Watch out for making a god of love / relationships (Luke 14:26-27; Matt 10:37)

 - B. Watch out for making a god of money (Matthew 19:16–30; Luke 12:15; Matt 6:24)

 - C. Watch out for making a god of work / success

 - D. Watch out for making a god of pleasure (1 John 2:15-17; Phil 3:19; Jer 2:13)

- III. How Do You Remove the Idols of Your Heart?
 - A. You Must Discern Your Idols and Repent

 - B. You Must Drive Out Idols with a Greater Love

Heidelberg Catechism Q 95: What is idolatry? A: Idolatry is having or inventing something in which to put our trust instead of, or in addition to, the only true God who has revealed himself in his Word.

“What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.” —Timothy Keller

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What is idolatry? What are some common idols of the heart today?
2. Which idols are you most prone to loving or trusting in your heart today?
3. What do you need to do to uproot these idols from your heart?